



ST. EDMUND'S
SCHOOL
FOR
BLIND
BOYS.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
cordially invite you and your friends to attend

**THE NINETEENTH
ANNUAL APPEAL**

at

ST. EDMUND'S SCHOOL FOR BLIND BOYS

*CONDUCTED BY
THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS*

to be held in

THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

60 BURNS ROAD, WAHROONGA

SUNDAY, 13th APRIL, 1969

2.30 P.M.

Concert Items by the Pupils

**ST. EDMUND'S SCHOOL
FOR BLIND BOYS**

Annual Report

and

Financial Statement

1968

Mt. St. Mary College,
Strathfield, N.S.W.
12th February, 1969.

Dear Brother McKenzie,

It is our honour to write an introduction to the Annual Report of St. Edmund's School for Blind Boys. Now in its nineteenth year of existence, the school has made a significant contribution to the education of Catholic boys handicapped by lack of sight. It has helped so many accept this privation and realistically prepare to take their place in society suffering this limitation. It has also sought to develop as fully as possible those talents they do possess so that their achievement will be commensurate with their abilities. Basic to this philosophy of life is faith in the good Lord who gives to one and withholds from another, and the ambition to succeed in life as completely as possible within one's limitations.

The Christian Brothers are glad to promote this particular form of Catholic education within the Church, preparing boys deprived of sight for true Christian living.

St. Edmund's School is sponsored by the company of men of mercy, St. Vincent de Paul Society, with whose members the Christian Brothers are glad to work. Their Committee has provided a residential school with facilities as good as any of its type in Australia—comfortable living and sleeping quarters, suitable classrooms, games and recreational facilities, and all this in one of Sydney's loveliest suburbs. There are many others to whom tribute should be paid — the Ladies' Auxiliary, the staff of the school, professional men whose services are always available, the hierarchy and nearby diocesan and religious priests, kind benefactors whose generosity has helped the Society bear the financial responsibility of operating and extending the school.

We pray that He who is the Light of the World will bless abundantly those who come to St. Edmund's to find light amidst their darkness, and all those who assist the Christian Brothers in their privileged task of opening the eyes of those born blind to see the light.

With warmest regards to the community of St. Edmund's.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

J. H. McGLADE,
Provincial.

Rev. Br. S. S. McKenzie,
St. Edmund's School,
Burns Road, Wahroonga,
N.S.W.



Christian Brothers' Annual Report

he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him."

With these words Our Lord begins the account of the curing of the man born blind, as found in the ninth chapter of St. John's Gospel.

Down through the centuries, the same question has been asked, "Why has this man been born blind?" Why has one or more children in a family been born without sight, for no apparent reason? Fortunately, in more recent years, medical science has made great advance in the study of the causes of blindness, but, as with the problem of pain, where Science knows the HOW, it must look to God for the WHY: ". . . that the works of God might be displayed in him".

We can easily understand how the blind need society, but, does not Our Lord here suggest that society, just as truly, need the blind? Does not a blind person show a materialistic world that peace is not to be found in the frenzied possession of things? Does he not display to an insubordinate society that trust and dependence we are expected to show towards God? And, in response, does not society accord to the blind that Charity, which is the greatest of all the works of God?

The Church has always carefully defended Her rights with regard to charitable institutions and religious education. Here, at St. Edmund's, these two aspects of the Christian life are joined as one, and the Christian Brothers deem it an honour to be associated with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in this school, so dear to the heart of the Catholic Church in Australia.

INTEREST OF THE HIERARCHY IN ST. EDMUND'S

From the foundation of the school in 1951, His Eminence, Sir Norman Cardinal Gilroy, has taken a personal interest in St. Edmund's. This was shown in a particular way this year, when His Eminence chose to come himself and bless and open the new dormitory block in September. His decision was made in spite of short notice on our part, and heavy demands on his time. The Brothers and boys thank His Eminence for his continued interest in their work, and congratulate him on his Knighthood, conferred by Her Majesty the Queen.



FORM 1

Richard Santueci, Michael McKeon, Thomas Mulquiney, George Glover,
Br. J. S. McKenzie, Roger Harvey, Chris King, Kevin Weldon.



FORMS 2 AND 3

Gordon Serone, Richard Muleahy, Peter Smith, John Hourigan,
Donald Purell, Norman Pyne.



GRADE 3 AND 4

**David Mills, Jeffrey Molin, Gerard Cook, Miss L. Lindsay, Don Forbes,
John Lloyd, Leon Leary.**

In April, St. Edmund's was graced by a visit from His Excellency, Archbishop Enrici, the Apostolic Delegate. After a short concert programme, His Excellency addressed the boys and then went for an informal stroll with them through the grounds. During the Annual Bishops' Conference, several of the Hierarchy availed of an invitation to visit St. Edmund's in their leisure time. On these occasions, their Lordships had the opportunity to meet the boys, and we trust that they took back to their dioceses pleasant memories of their visit.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The establishment of a specialised school with its need for costly equipment would have been impossible without the Society and its continued assistance has ensured the development of the school to its present high standard.

The Committee of this Special Work has been most generous. A small school the size of St. Edmund's with its need for costly equipment, would be impossible to continue without the invaluable support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The Committee, under their President, Mr. J. F. Murphy, have been most generous in time and effort for the good of the school. Elsewhere, in this booklet, you will find the Committee's Report. What you will not find mentioned in it will be an account of the unselfishness and enthusiasm of its members. On behalf of the Christian Brothers, I acknowledge how truly indebted we are to the St. Vincent

de Paul Society, and we hope that our association with such an inspiring body of men will continue for many years to come.

AIMS

In keeping with all Catholic schools, St. Edmund's aims to educate the child for life here and hereafter. As may be expected, due to the special circumstances, we aim to equip each child, blind or partially-sighted, to take his place in a normal environment. This entails a shift of emphases in some aspects of a curriculum, otherwise basically the same as that followed in all other schools of New South Wales. Our course, then, can be divided to cover the spiritual, scholastic, cultural and physical development of the child. However, it must be remembered that, like all growth, all of these elements are integrated in the well adjusted personality, our ultimate goal, and they should be seen as forming a comprehensive whole in planning of the curriculum.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

I think it would be true to say that the boys at St. Edmund's take their Faith for granted. By this I mean, not the generally accepted meaning of the phrase, but a calm acceptance of their responsibilities towards God. By their reverent attendance at daily Mass, the reception of the Sacraments, and the attention to public and private prayer, the boys give unobtrusive proof of a deepening faith in accordance with their growth. Here, under God, their parents are to be praised for their evident care in instilling this reverence for the things of God at an early age.



GRADE V

**Top: Br. E. C. Foy, Brian Craig, Andrew Cowle.
Front: Ross Allen, Michael Livolsi, Michael Corrigan.**



GRADE VI

Gerard Isaacs, Br. J. D. Goonan, Tony Curtis, Billy Harrower.

Apart from the daily religious instruction given by the Brothers, the more senior of the boys are urged to put this instruction into action. Most of them take their turn as Mass servers. Here, I must express how deeply appreciative we are of the Columban Fathers who provide daily Mass throughout the year. Frequent times for Confession are available to the boys, and it is gratifying to see the boys forming the habit of the regular reception of this Sacrament as a normal way of life.

The Sodality of Our Lady, with its free acceptance of spiritual responsibilities, gives the older boys an opportunity to practise self-reliance and leadership. The Spiritual Director of the Sodality, Rev. Fr. Thaddeus Taylor, O.F.M., gives a course of instructions as to how the aims of the Sodality may be carried into later life. It is hoped that in the future, some of the members might be able to take part in regular works of charity, outside the school, such as those undertaken by junior members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in other schools. Quite often, these young men visit St. Edmund's to help in many ways, and they continue to give an example to our boys of christian life in action.

SCHOLASTIC DEVELOPMENT

None of our pupils attempted external examinations this year, and so there are no results of this nature to report. However, two boys attended classes, in Form V, at a nearby college, St. Leo's: it being our policy to integrate the boys in the higher secondary classes into a large school situation.

The school was visited by the State Department of Education inspectors on two occasions during the year, and both groups expressed their satisfaction with the way in which the curriculum was being covered, and their delight in the pleasant atmosphere and excellent facilities provided. As a result, St. Edmund's has been granted Certification, and provisional Registration to Form IV, for two years.

The special training for teachers in blind schools throughout Australia and New Zealand has been encouraged in recent years by the introduction of a diploma course conducted by the Australian and New Zealand Association of Teachers of the Blind. Annual conferences of Associate members are held, and regular newsletters are dispatched which contain items of interest for teachers engaged in this special work. St. Edmund's is pleased to be a member-body of this active Association, and is delighted with the opportunity of co-operating with teachers with similar interests in this field.

Of great advantage to the school was the granting of a Study Scholarship for one year to Br. J. M. Adams, a former Principal, and a staff member for the past seventeen years. This is a fine recognition of his dedication to this work, and I wish to thank the St. Vincent de Paul Society and all those who contributed to make this possible. Brother is studying new methods at New York Institute for the Education of the Blind.

VISITOR TO ST. EDMUND'S



Most Reverend Domenico Enrici, D.D., J.C.D., Eighth Apostolic Delegate to Australia.

Rev. Br. J. A. McGlade, Provincial of the Christian Brothers.

Rev. Br. D. C. Connell, Principal.



1. Courtyard.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

An appreciation of music and the spoken word is essential for the visually handicapped. Hence, at St. Edmund's, there is more emphasis placed on these for each individual child, than one may find in the normal curriculum.

With regard to music, Rev. Fr. Saul, S.J., generously gave of his time to teach piano, wind instruments and musical perception. A number of his pupils gained good passes in the A.M.E.B. examinations in these sections. Father was also instrumental in obtaining for the school a magnificent electronic organ, largely donated by his pupils from other schools. It is hoped that the organ will soon become an additional source of study and pleasure to the boys.

One who has already achieved a high degree of excellence on both the piano and organ is Peter Yangthamai, from Thailand. Peter's successes during 1968 included the gaining of the Licentiate for Pianoforte, and the Gold Medallion Award for the best results in the Seventh Grade Musical Perception examinations of 1967. When one takes into account that Peter is totally blind, and that he could not play the piano before he came to Australia five years ago, his results are all the more remarkable. However, a tragic accident last September necessitated an operation on his left

wrist. With quiet resignation to the will of God, and with undaunted courage, Peter has continued his interest in the keyboard, and his triumph came on the night of the annual concert when he was once more able to perform on both piano and organ. According to medical opinion, with the continued efficient therapy Peter is receiving at Hornsby Hospital, there is every reason to believe that the great promise he has shown will not be very much affected by his set-back. We wish Peter every success in the music teaching position awaiting him on his return to Bangkok some time in 1969.

For a blind person, clear, articulate speech is most desirable, since it is by speech that he is able to make known his needs and enjoy pleasant conversation in his leisure hours. With this in mind, we are fortunate in having Mrs. Foster as our speech training teacher, who is able to give the boys something of her own appreciation of the spoken word.

Great importance is placed on the participation of the boys in special sections for the blind in both the City of Sydney and the Parramatta Eisteddfods. The boys practice with a will for these contests and, though they would not wish to be reminded that they often fall foul of a contestant of the weaker sex, the competition is keen and rewarding. They performed quite successfully in such sections as drama, verse speaking, music and singing. With regard to the last mentioned, I must



2. Corridor.



3. Interior of Boy's Bedroom.



4. Photo showing Swimming Pool and Junior Dormitory.

draw attention to the generous amount of time given up by our accompaniste, Mrs. F. Lehrer, in preparing the choir for the Eisteddfods and the Concert.

For the first time, the annual concert was held in a local hall, at night, last December. The change from the usual outdoor, afternoon presentations, was evidently a welcome one if we may judge by the enthusiastic response of the capacity audience. The advantages of a large stage and special lighting effects enabled each item to be performed under the best conditions. Some photographs of the concert appear elsewhere in this booklet.

PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Two very popular acts in the concert programme were the gymnastics. By their precision and skill, the boys rewarded the enthusiasm of their instructor, Mr. G. Sparkes, who teaches the boys, not only complicated routines for the more physically gifted but also simple mobility training and exercises for these less talented. In this, he is aided by Mrs. Sparkes, who gives of her best in the tap-dancing classes. These have been found most useful in giving the boys a sense of rhythm and balance. Ballroom dancing is also taught to the more senior group, and it is hoped that a regular social evening in conjunction with other schools, may be introduced.

Income & Expenditure for year

INCOME

	\$	\$
Balance in Bank, 31st Dec., 1967		1,694.67
Donations and proceeds of Card Party Chatswood Town Hall	603.10	
Less Expenses	23.00	
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Bank Interest		33.85
Luncheon Party at residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Farrell, of Wahroonga, Christmas Raffles, Stalls and Donations	1,476.25	
Less Expenses	18.00	
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Concert at Sydney Town Hall		132.10
Sale of School Jumpers		18.00
Proceeds of Card Parties conducted by Mrs. Orrock and Mrs. Thorley		110.00
Mrs. Coyne's donation for Boys' Christmas Party		50.00
Donation		50.00
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		\$4,126.97
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V. E. FORBES, President.

SCHOOL FOR BLIND BOYS

COMMITTEE

Year ended 31st December, 1968

EXPENDITURE

	\$
Purchase of:	
Electrical Knife	17.00
Vertical Grill	26.50
Mathematical Teaching Aids	92.00
Materials of Instructions and Guidance Publications	47.55
Overhead Projector	163.50
Photo Copying Machine	162.00
School Jumpers	62.50
Venetian Blinds for New Wing	219.35
Supertex Bedspreads	52.45
10 Bed/Desk Units, 10 Sets of Shelves	1,597.00
3 Dozen Towels	48.60
Masses and Bereavements	21.00
Stationery	61.82
Christmas Presents for Boys and Staff	207.80
Balance in Bank	1,347.90

\$4,126.90

JEAN BEERWORTH, Treasurer

ST. EDMUND'S SCHOOL FOR BLIND BOYS

Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 31st December, 1968

RECEIPTS

	\$	\$
Society of St. Vincent de Paul — Donations:		
Metropolitan Conferences	11,253.69	
Country Conferences	1,568.30	
Interstate Conferences	175.60	
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Donations — Public		10,969.31
Bequests		9,441.81
N.S.W. Leagues Club		2,162.00
Bowls Days (Nett)		1,440.70
St. Patrick's Day Appeal		250.00
School Fees		2,870.00
Social Services Contribution		2,729.80
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TOTAL RECEIPTS		42,861.21
Cash at Bank, 31-12-67	..	36,971.16
Bank Overdraft, 31-12-68	..	21,828.00
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		\$101,660 37
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J. F. MURPHY (President).

PAYMENTS

	\$	\$
Provisions		7,331.19
Fuel, Gas and Electricity		1,090.06
Wages	...	12,267.65
Repairs and Ground Expenses	...	641.10
Music and Elocution Fees	...	166.51
Postage and Telephone	445.76
Vehicle Expenses	...	339.46
Water and Municipal Rates	...	230.90
Stationery, Books, etc.	...	817.39
Advertising	321.92
Insurance	496.70
Travelling Expenses	...	508.49
Bank Interest	135.10
Christian Brothers Stipend	600.00
Annual Appeal Expenses	1,378.91
General Expenses	4,060.22
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		30,831.36

Capital Expenditure:

Dormitory Building	46,681.00	
Furniture	2,386.76	
Equipment	1,576.97	
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TOTAL PAYMENTS		81,476.09
Cash at Bank, 31-12-68		10,156.17
Bank Overdraft, 31-12-67		10,028.11
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		\$101,660.37
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F. A. J. REYNOLDS (Hon. Treasurer).



**Rev. Brother Patrick Gildas
O'Neill**

Died in Melbourne on 14th
October, 1968.

In 83rd year of his age
and 67th of his Religious
Profession.

R.I.P.

Sport is encouraged among the boys in their free time, and they are able to make their choice of the following: swimming (in season), cricket, using a cane ball, football, with modified rules, or use of the gymnasium equipment. Some of the totally blind children have become quite adept on the trampoline set up in the playing area.

A certain amount of independence is essential for boys in their teens, and we believe that the new dormitory block completed in September, will be a great contribution in that it provides for ten single, well-appointed rooms, besides a Brother's room, a bathroom and a classroom. The boys are expected to keep their room tidy, and also to cultivate the habit of quiet study or reading.

Breaking the "isolationism" that can creep into a special school situation is necessary for boys who are not going to live in a sheltered environment when they leave school. To achieve this, they are taken to regular sporting fixtures (by courtesy of the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust) or an occasional film or concert: Essentially, to give them a feeling of Participation, and let them feel they are not a race apart. A visit to the Royal Easter Show, the boys were successful exhibitors in the hand-craft sections, proved a most enjoyable outing, but perhaps, the one voted the best, was a brilliant fireworks display, at which we were the guests of the Lions Club of Sydney Central. Here I should like to thank all of those youth groups and organisations that have, over the years.

CONCERT WORK

Various photos of the 1968 Annual Concert.



made it their custom to take the boys out for a picnic, a bush walk, or a games night.

I would like to record my appreciation of the work of St. Edmund's Ladies' Auxiliary which is of great assistance to the school. By means of the generous co-operation of the Ladies' Auxiliary we were able to experiment with new equipment and techniques, primarily to benefit the partially-seeing child. Using a photo-copying machine to make transparencies of normal-sized printed material, we found that this could be greatly enlarged when thrown on a screen by means of an overhead projector. This was found to be of particular advantage with regard to social studies and mapping. Some of the members of the Auxiliary can lay claim to an association with St. Edmund's right from its foundation; others have joined in comparatively recent years. But all, by their untiring efforts, have earned the sincere gratitude of the Brothers.

Although only formed this year, the St. Martin de Porres Women's Guild, Wahroonga, is to be congratulated for its help in many aspects of our work.

The medical care of the boys under our charge is of the utmost importance, since, for most of the school year, the Brothers share the parents' responsibility in this regard. We are most fortunate in having a panel of honorary professional men, to whom no call on their services seems a burden. To our physicians, Dr. D. Giblin and Dr. T. Macken; and to our dentists, Mr. G. Douglass and Mr. R. Burke, we are most grateful for their attention. As one would expect regular eye examinations are necessary at St. Edmund's; we are indebted to Dr. H. C. Beckett, of Macquarie Street, for his Specialist's advice, and to Professor Lederer and his faculty of the Optometry Department of the New South Wales University.

THE PAST AND THE FUTURE

Since the opening of the school, St. Edmund's has enrolled over one hundred pupils, most of whom have gone out to take their place in a sighted world; some have found personal fame as announcers on city and country radio, some have followed courses of advancement at local universities or overseas, some have found their place as skilled tradesmen in the factory or workshop. The Brothers look back in pride and thanksgiving that they have been the chosen instruments to mould these to fulfilment in this world and the next.

The future is known only to God. But we are confident that, until charity ceases to be the basis of our Christian life, there will always be dedicated helpers in work such as that undertaken at St. Edmund's. For, these were born blind, "so that the works of God might be displayed in them."

On behalf of the Christian Brothers, 1968,

D. C. CONNELLY,

Principal.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

1968 saw the completion of another stage in the development of St. Edmund's, when, during the year, a new block was added to the existing buildings. This addition comprised 10 single bedrooms for the senior boys, a bedroom for the supervising Christian Brother and a new classroom. With these additional amenities the boys, on leaving St. Edmund's in the future, will be even better equipped and more self reliant.

His Eminence Cardinal Gilroy blessed and opened the new building on 15th September, 1968.

The facilities at St. Edmund's are at least the equal to those provided by any school and with the accommodation available we can now cater for more boys than previously. Therefore the Committee is hopeful that our many friends will bring to its notice the names and addresses of any boy whom they consider would, because of his sight defect, benefit from the special facilities available at this school.

The report presented by Rev. Br. Connell shows that the excellent results achieved in previous years were maintained in all spheres (i.e. educational, cultural and physical) in 1968.

While expressing our gratitude to the Christian Brothers for their work at St. Edmund's since its foundation 18 years ago, we extend our best wishes on the occasion of the centenary of their establishment in Australia and pray that Almighty God will continue to bless their wonderful work for the youth of Australia.





The Asang Brothers, who entertained the people between items.

During 1968, Rev. Br. Adams secured a scholarship to Hunter College, attached to the University of New York to study modern techniques in teaching the blind and partially-sighted. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul were privileged to assist Br. Adams (who has been on the staff of St. Edmund's since its foundation) to take advantage of this scholarship.

Changes in the staff have brought Rev. Br. McKenzie to St. Edmund's as the new Superior. The Committee looks forward to working with Br. McKenzie and we assure him of our wholehearted support. We also welcome Rev. Br. Goonan to the staff. We trust that their years at St. Edmund's will be both happy and successful.

Rev. Br. Connell, the Superior in 1968, has been transferred to St. Pius X College, Chatswood. The Committee appreciates the wonderful work done by Br. Connell for the boys and the school and we wish him every success and happiness in his new sphere.

Rev. Br. Joseph, who has had a long association with St. Edmund's, has been transferred to Waverley College. We thank him for all he has done for this special school.

An examination of the financial statement shows that some costs of running St. Edmund's have increased despite the best efforts of the Committee, consistent with the welfare of the boys, to contain these costs. Also, mainly because of the new building, our overdraft has increased

to \$21,828. This is a substantial commitment and emphasises how much St. Edmund's needs the continued support of our many friends.

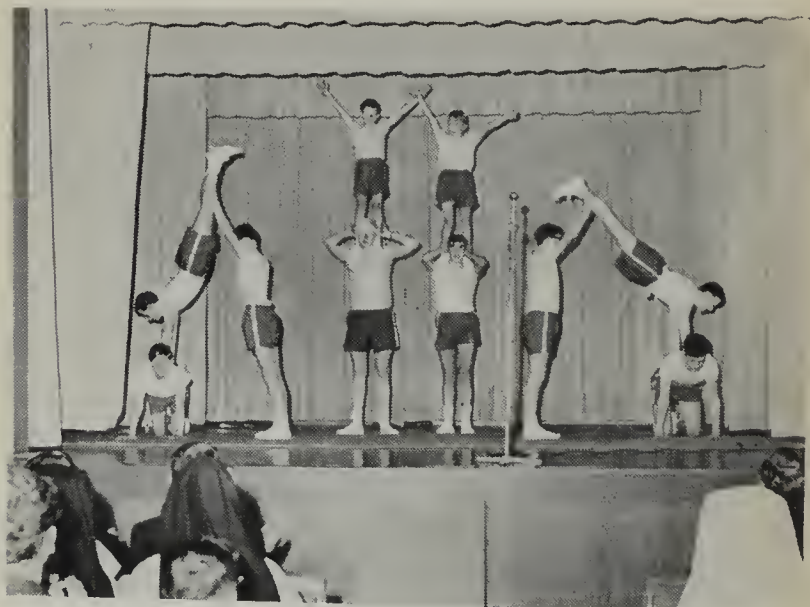
Br. Connell has mentioned our many benefactors and to these the Committee also extends its thanks. To all who have helped St. Edmund's in any way we are deeply grateful.

In referring to these benefactors, which include many sporting clubs, I would like particularly to mention the Charity Committee of the N.S.W. Leagues Club. This Committee was responsible for contributing \$2,162 to our Building Fund and this money was used to furnish and equip the new classroom.

St. Edmund's is again indebted to the District Bowling Clubs of Lakemba, Sutherland and Hornsby for their very successful Bowls Days which resulted in a total of \$1,440 being raised.

The report presented by Mrs. Forbes indicates the valuable assistance the Ladies' Auxiliary rendered in 1968. This is a most important unit which has contributed a great deal to the progress of St. Edmund's.

Lastly, may Almighty God bless all our friends and the members of the various conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for their continued generosity to the boys of St. Edmund's.



LADIES' AUXILIARY REPORT

To be able to announce a successful year with a credit balance is entirely due to the co-operation and untiring efforts of my committee, my thanks are extended to you all.

It was with regret we accepted the resignation of Mrs. Leo Keating, President of our Auxiliary for so many fruitful years. We wish her much happiness in her harbourside home and look forward to her promised assistance.

I would also like to thank Mrs. A. S. Harvey who so capably looked after the secretaryship vacated early in the year by Mrs. George Stammers, who was elected to office following the resignation of Mrs. Gus Poirrier. The fine lady who has been a wonderfully efficient secretary since the inception of St. Edmund's Auxiliary Committee. We have each year a big debt of gratitude to our Treasurer, Mrs. W. Beerworth, who has once again given generously of her time as well as presenting a very satisfactory financial statement.

This year we held a most rewarding art exhibition and luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Farrell, and we extend to both these good friends of St. Edmund's our sincere thanks. Special thanks are due to Mrs. C. Nihill, for the card party in her home.

At the Card Party we happily presented to Mrs. Kinghorn, Turramurra, the Linen raffle donated by Mrs. J. O'Neil, and the Dinner, annually donated by Mrs. Harry Williams, was won by a lucky supporter of St. Edmund's.





The very beautiful opal, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Berikarz, was won by Mrs. Gallagher, and the Doll, donated by Leonards Pty. Ltd., was won by Mr. J. Carroll. Both these articles were presented at the concert.

The Christmas Hamper was won by R. Nicholson, and speaking about Christmas, Brother O'Connell trained the boys of the school and prepared a very entertaining concert for the Ladies' Committee and friends of St. Edmund's; we appreciate their talents and on behalf of my committee I would like to thank them.

Among our benefactors during the year I wish to thank Farmers & Co., Cadburys, David Jones, Arnotts, Prouds, Dunlops, Elizabeth Arden, Kolotex, Ronsons, W. D. & H. O. Wills, Jantzen, Greengate Hotel, Christine Lynch, Eric Anderson, Hornsby Hotel, Phillips, Supertex, Wells National Pty. Ltd., Batger Pty. Ltd., St. Leonards Silks, Madamoiselle of Killara, and lastly, Mr. Peter McTaggart, who each year donates and arranges the flowers for our luncheons.

We were very pleased to co-operate with Rev. Br. Connell, in helping to furnish the new wing and it was with regret that we learnt he was to leave St. Edmund's. We would like to give Rev. Br. McKenzie a warm welcome and assure him of our support in the coming year.

To the Mothers past and present we accept their fine efforts in the spirit of their giving.

To the domestic staff in providing morning tea and assisting us at the School functions we would like to say how much their help has been appreciated.

It is with pleasure we announce the ANNUAL CARD PARTY at the CHATSWOOD TOWN HALL, to take place on JUNE 12th, at 11.30 a.m., and we look forward to your early bookings.

We ask that God will bless our efforts and Our Lady pray for us.

V. E. FORBES,
President.

THE CATHOLIC BRAILLE WRITERS OF N.S.W.

The Brothers wish to thank the Braille Writers for the wonderful service rendered over the years to the pupils of St. Edmund's. It is a tremendous service, and the Brothers and boys appreciate their prompt and efficient work.



Work done inside the school rooms, with special aids.





THE CATHOLIC BRAILLE WRITERS OF N.S.W.

has been in operation for 17 Years.

More Volunteers in this field are wanted.

If you can help — contact MRS. C. KINGHORNE,

Phone: 44 4058, or the School, for particulars.

PLEASE KEEP THIS IN MIND —

CARD PARTY

(Organised by the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Edmund's) .

at CHATSWOOD TOWN HALL

THURSDAY, 12th JUNE, 1969

Bookings can be made through Mrs. V. Forbes. Phone: 48 3659.
